

No Tax Cut

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the 1951-52 budget. "Los Angeles County, interested in good government, and for the benefit of our taxpayers, I believe that we should reduce our tax rate by at least 10 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, making the total rate \$1.02 per \$100 assessed valuation.

"With all other taxes, state and federal, going up, let's don't do don't do, and other communities have recognized the increase in assessed valuation by reducing their tax rates.

"In all fairness, in the long run our property owners a break in Torrance.

"Gentlemen, I move that the tax rate for the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1951-52 be fixed at \$1.02 per \$1000 assessed valuation."

His motion to reduce the rate, however, gained no second from the other Council members.

INCREASED VALUATION
In presenting the budget at its final hearing, City Manager George Stevens pointed out that the assessed valuation of Torrance has increased 8 percent in the last year. Planned on a pay-as-you-go basis, the budget has a \$90,000 public improvement fund, of which \$40,000 has been earmarked for new city buses.

Broken down, the tax rate is as follows: 96 cents, general government; 4 cents, library, and 12 cents, retirement.

WATER TAX CUT
Also received last night by the Council was a report from the Metropolitan Water District stating that the new tax rate for that agency is 31 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. This is a reduction of 1 cent as their tax rate last year was 32 cents.

The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors fixed a tax rate of 02.6391 for this year, a reduction of 29.6 cents per \$100 from the last year's rate of \$1.9351.

The total Torrance tax rate will be in the neighborhood of \$6.50 per \$100, it is estimated.

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Classified Workers Hired For Schools

In preparation for the coming school year, the School Board on August 21 approved for employment the following classified personnel:

Carol L. Shepard, cafeteria manager at \$1.25 per hour; Vella \$1.15 per hour; why... Hefferin, cafeteria manager (probationary) at \$1.15 per hour; Barbara Johanna Deems, cafeteria worker at \$1.00 per hour; Nadine Hamack, cafeteria worker (probationary) at \$1.00 per hour; Mollie Hoke, cafeteria

Margaret M. Palmer, cafeteria worker at \$1.15 per hour; Eleanor L. Sanders, cafeteria worker (probationary) at \$1.00 per hour; Marshall B. Tappin, cafeteria worker at \$1.15 per hour; Ethel B. Beck, clerk-steno. (probationary) at \$213.00 per month; Doris Hakanson, clerk (probationary) at \$183.00 per month; H. C. Beard, carpenter (as needed) at \$2.35 per hour; George F. George, carpenter (as needed) at \$2.35 per hour.

David Goldberg, carpenter (as needed) at \$2.35 per hour; E. L. McGee, carpenter, foreman (as needed) at \$2.60 per hour; Gonzalo Rangel, carpenter (as needed) at \$2.35 per hour; Richard M. Terman, carpenter (as needed) at \$2.35 per hour; Virgie T. Williams, custodian (probationary) at Range 6, Step 1 \$221.00.

Torrance Man

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the preliminary hearing will be held within six days of yesterday.

Killed in the accident was 30-year-old Charles Hammond of Long Beach, who drove an ambulance on police emergency calls in San Pedro. His attendant, Wells Robinson, 55, also of Long Beach, was injured seriously.

A San Pedro fireman, George M. Savage, 45, of 40 Tuna street, who was being transported to Los Angeles in the ambulance, suffered a possible skull fracture and other injuries in the accident.

Loyd, who extricated a mother and her two children from one of the two crushed automobiles, was booked on a charge of suspicion of manslaughter following the accident. He suffered cuts and bruises.

Loyd told police he did not hear the screaming siren on the ambulance nor see its red light flashing until it was too late.

TANK TRUCK BUCKLES

He said he attempted to swing away from the ambulance when his heavily laden gasoline tank-truck jackknifed, crushing an automobile against the ambulance.

In the automobile were Mrs. Nellie Hernandez, 41, of 331 East Olive street, Gardena, and her children, Refilia, 5, and Pontalima, aged 4.

After the gasoline tank-truck jackknifed it rolled onto a car driven by Paul Steel, 30, of Cypress. Steel was not injured.

Bids Awarded For Painting of Two Schools

Bids for the painting of the interior and exterior of the El Nido and Crenshaw schools, were awarded by the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education at their August 21st meeting.

Bid for the exterior painting of both the El Nido and Crenshaw schools were let to the low bidder, Roy H. Cox Company, for a total amount of \$2965. Bid for the interior painting of both schools were let to low bidder, Frank P. Church, for a total amount of \$3974.

The bids were opened August 17, 1951.

Paid Canvassers

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homes, their future."

WATER FOR INDUSTRY

If Torrance is to exist as a substantial community with security for its citizens, it must furnish water for the rapidly expanding industries, it was said. More water means more jobs, for the first question that industries ask when they are ready to locate in Torrance is: "How much water can you give us each day?"

Stevens said that we have the water but must get it to the people who use it, and that means a safety storage reservoir, and a modern distribution system. Stevens also show that the pressure of the Torrance water system is perilously low for fire-fighting purposes, and that this consideration is of more importance today than ever before.

The petitions must be signed by qualified voters, and they will be carried by workers who will go house to house. In order to become a qualified voter, residents may register at any time, either at the City Hall in downtown Torrance, or in designated local places.

Silt-Up School

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administrative unit, was awarded for \$236,354. Construction time on the schools, as set forth in the contract, is 150 working days.

TIME SAVING

Dr. Hull pointed out that this is not only the shortage construction period for any school thus far built by the district but that it is also the least expensive. He added that building of the North Torrance school took a year. These two schools are the first pre-cast concrete schools built by the Torrance Unified School District.

With the bids awarded for what is approximately \$10.90 per square foot for each school, the district is spending \$3.10 less per square foot than averaged throughout by the State for school construction. Average construction cost per square foot for the State is \$14.

Broken down, the construction will cost \$7.05 per square foot for the buildings, and \$9.94 per square foot with plumbing and electricity added. The \$10.90 per square foot cost also includes the ground improvements, gutters, and sidewalks.

Six firms were involved in the bidding, the highest bid being \$458,000.

School District Employs Four Clerk Specialists

Four clerk-specialists were approved for employment by the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education at their August 21st meeting.

Employed were Robert R. Dexter, effective August 14, 1951, in connection with maintenance of pupil accounting records, at the rate of \$1.36 per hour; Charles Frank Bryant and Carroll E. Edson (as needed) effective July 2, 1951, in connection with adult education activities, at the rate of \$4.00 per hour for the first twelve hours and \$3.75 per hour for each hour

National Farm Electrification Week Observed

The Southern California Edison Company this week joined with the electric industry throughout the country in observance of National Farm Electrification Week, marking the progress that has been made in the electrification of the nation's rural areas.

In California, ninety-eight per cent of the state's 139,000 farms are using electricity, making California one of the most highly electrified farming states in the nation. Nationally, ninety-five per cent of the farms are receiving electric service. The greatest benefit electric service has brought to California farms has been to provide a year around supply of water for irrigation, despite the dry months each year. This has been largely responsible for the substantially higher income of California farms as compared with the national average.

To further farm electrification within the ten Central and Southern California counties in its service territory, the Edison Company built more than 1,673 miles of power lines in rural areas between 1945 and 1950, making a total of approximately 11,387 miles of Edison-built rural electric service lines in operation today. In 1950 the Edison Company supplied farms with 873,999,363 kilowatt-hours of electricity to help produce and process their crops.

Becker Ousted

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a long investigation into charges that Becker erred in continuing to handle insurance matters for the Landler Management Co. while at the same time voting on bus contracts to the concern.

Meanwhile, Olin E. Darby, School Board member, visited Dist. Atty. S. Ernest Roll in connection with an investigation of alleged transactions between J. Paul Elliott, another Board of Education member, and the school board contractee.

This new investigation was undertaken by the county grand jury yesterday. The District Attorney's office has indicated it has information that Elliott was paid \$3200 as retainer fees during a period in which he voted on eight bus contract awards to the company.

Home-Made Plane

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ity also had denied him permission to fly his homemade craft, it was reported. He trucked the plane to Torrance Saturday and was given permission to make taxi tests there with no clearance to fly.

Martin had told friends he was going to try to prove the worthiness of the plane as a hovering craft for emergency aid. He had hoped to interest the Army in it, friends said.

Martin, who lived at 14732 Dublin Ave., Gardena, leaves in addition his widow and children his parents Martha and Fred Martin and a sister, Mrs. Geraldine Choiwell of Los Angeles. He met and married Nicole in Casablanca, Africa, during service as a GI in World War II.

His funeral was held at 2 p.m. yesterday at the Stone and Myers

Chest X-Ray Unit Due to be Here In September

Arrangements have been made to provide chest x-rays next month for individuals in this area according to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer. The x-ray surveys have been a feature of the case-finding program of the Los Angeles County Health Department since 1938. The County's mobile unit will be set up at strategic locations in the area, specific addresses and dates to be announced later, Dr. Gilbert said.

Best idea for filling vacancies is Torrance Press For Rent Ads in the Classified pages.

Mortuary. Rev. Arthur Bello of the St. Andrews Episcopal Church officiated. Interment was at the Roosevelt Cemetery.

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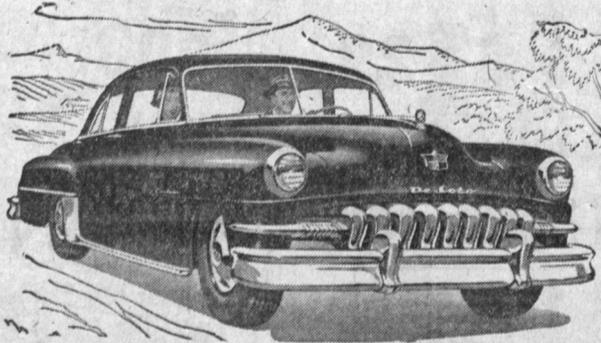
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